(a) whether the Centra! Electricity Authority has recently clefiied the financial packages of fi/e private !.ector power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of power projects awaiting clearance from the Central Electricity Authority; and

(d) the criteria adopted by the Gov ernment to private financial pacltage to private sector power projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P, V. RANGAYYA NArOll) : (.a) No, sir

(b) Docs not arise

(c) Twenty two.

(d) The criteria stipulated by Govt, for financial package of private sector power projects, inter-alia, includes the following:

(i) Debt to oq-iity ratio is permitted upto 4:1;

(ii) Foreign equity participation upto 100 per cent is allowed.

(iii) Promoters have to bring in at least ll per cent *ot* the total cost of the project.

(iv) Not more than 40 per cent of the total outlay can come from Indian Public Financial institutions.

AUTONOMOUS ELECTRICITY BOARD FOR DELHI

2673. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be Pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to handovr the power seserati OD, procurement, supply and distribution in Delhi to an autonomou's electricity board;

(b) if" so, whether UESU is unable to meet the demand of power ana its poor performance has forced the Central Gov-ernment to take an altemativev step; and

(c)) if so, by when the autonomous power board for Delhi is likely to be set up and would start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANOAYYA NAIDU) *:* (a) to (c) It is proposed to set up an Autoromous Hec-tricity Board for Delhi on the pattern of a State Electricity Board under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. The proposal is a part erf overall restructuring of Delhi Municipal Corporation. The stqp is intended to avoid, multiplicity of authority, and to bring in professionalism and more auonomy in the woking of DESU *The* timing of formation of the Delhi Electricity Board would depend upon the com-pletion of various legal and atbn'nistra-tive formalities.

TARIPF RATES FOR IRRIGAllON

2674. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRIMATI REN UK A CHOWDHURY:

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average tariff rate for irrigation in the country as a whole and also state-wise;

(b) What is the tariff hike for irrigation during the last three years in various States and subsidy provided; and

(c) what are the average tariff rates for domestic and industrial consumtion on al! India basis and state-wise ?